

Extended Hours and Occasional Licenses

Extended Hours

Should be used for one off events, raise threshold with noise etc. One off should be fine but might annoy people otherwise

Halloween – Glasgow City Council gave whole week for Halloween as opposed to the one night – would depend on what kind of venue you are and what you want. Consider is Halloween could be part of the blanked extended hours but may depend on venue.

Halloween extension would be good for night clubs, maybe not so much for bars and pubs.

Halloween – major event but sometimes places don't actually do this on the 31st of October depending on how this lies. Flexibility in policy if someone is managing the premises well then, they can just have the extra hour.

May Day and every Aberdeen holiday should be added to the general extensions.

Not everyone is a night club, some people want to come earlier.

Premises would want to consider welfare of the staff as they make very little money the last half of the night so this would be taken into account by them if they were to want to make use of extended hours.

If TECA had something on then it would be good to allow more extended hours to allow those to tie in.

Public health – extended hours are OK for a one off. Don't see this as being a ground for objection.

Some places open a bit earlier – ie using 11am instead of 12pm. Add more staff to keep people safe etc. could attract people into the city centre earlier in the day. So could extended hours be at the start of the day instead for some premises?

World Cup – timings if in Qatar – more relaxations needed.

Good if more extended hours in December and then the individual establishments can decide which days they use.

Issues opening earlier could be impact on LSO and Police – can they provide support at that time. also knock on effect to taxis and buses. Would need to check how this affects children and young people access ie. What hours would they be allowed?

More extended hours could impact on door stewards and the condition which is imposed. Add door steward condition to the policy instead of having a condition. Makes it more even across the trade.

Use of the Castlegate for important functions eg. World Cup, Fanzone, Hogmanay but then does this exclude other places ie. Why not in Duthie Park or somewhere else.

Extra hours in January as well for special events.

Maybe not much appetite in Aberdeen for King's coronation to be given a blanket extension hours.

Football games where Scotland are playing would be a justification for an extended hours.

Add in a clause to the policy that the Board can add to the blanket extensions as the year goes on depending on specific events – such as Scotland games, European games, football or rugby, Olympics.

Use seasonal variations for use of the extended hours especially when the public holidays are known.

Should be more lenient in the policy and allow for earlier opening hours through an extended hours application for sporting events/national events which for example are in the southern hemisphere.

Special events could be those related to the business eg a charity they support.

Don't be too prescriptive in the policy re what the special events are just to make sure don't create issues if an event is not on the list.

Occasional Licenses

Occasional licence doesn't match the ability to play outdoor music like a premises licence would – match up to changing policy at the time.

Licensing the beach area – could the Council licence that area to allow alcohol instead of having to ask for occasional licenses.

Council could be more relaxed with allowing the use of the outdoor area. Pavement permit costs is not sustainable if looking at £40.

More info is needed on the on the website – media comms, put outside premises to let people know what dates the Board have decided for occasional licenses.

Need to communicate better with the public when extensions to the hours have been made – is this for the trade or the Board to manage? This should manage and mitigate complaints.

Objection to occasional licenses – not easy to find on the website, occasions where neighbours have not known about occasional licenses.

Change the occasional licence policy so there is a cap on the number that someone can apply with.

Media and press releases need to cover advertising occasional licenses.

Conditions attached to occasional licenses do not always match the premises licence conditions. Needs to be some consistency.

Online occasional licence – very hard to follow and fill out. The form is different to the schedule in the legislation. Should be an ability to apply for a number of licenses in one application form.

Too onerous to apply a month before hand – just need to ensure flexibility if something comes up which is unexpected. Could build sports events into the seasonal variations.

Simplifying the process of applying for occasional licenses – lots of information. Online version of the event plan etc which can be populated by the applicant. Lots of emails being sent which could be avoided. Could there be a portal where you can log in to see your application history etc.

Hard to find information of the Board and occasional licenses on the Council's website.

Streamline occasional – don't need to have event plans etc anymore.